

I am opposed to the Verizon Wireless petition which stifles real competition in the Philadelphia market. Despite Verizon protests that the costs of portability are onerous, the real underlying issue here is that Verizon is attempting to stifle competition by restricting customers to a cumbersome and onerous obligation to change phone numbers when switching carriers and informing business and personal contacts of such changes. It is also worth noting that many customers would also face the onerous task of reprinting business stationery and cards to make the changes. Weighing all of this I think the commission's obligation is to customers not stockholders!!